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SUBJECT: TERRORISM: ANGRY PROTESTANT REACTIONS

1.   PROTESTANT WOMAN AGED 63 SHOT TO DEATH IN COUNTY ANTRIM
FARMHOUSE MARCH 28. AT LEAST FOUR GUNMEN ATTEMPTED TO AMBUSH
SON AND WHEN HE ESCAPED THEY RIDDLED FARMHOUSE WITH BULLETS
KILLING WOMAN BUT MISSING HER HUSBAND AND YOUNG DAUGHTER.
ANOTHER SON IS RESERVIST IN ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY. FAMILY
ATTEND FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND MODERATOR IAN PAISLEY
BLAMED PROVISIONAL IRA FOR ATTACK. HE IS CONSIDERING ABSENTING
HIMSELF FROM PARLIAMENT IN PROTEST OVER GOVERNMENT SECURITY
POLICY AND ATTENDING ONLY WHEN HE CAN CAST AN IMPORTANT
VOTE TO DEFEAT GOVERNMENT.

2.   ULSTER SPECIAL CONSTABULARY ASSOCIATION (FORMER B SPECIALS)
HAS ISSUED STATEMENT WARNING THAT IF PROVISIONALS IRA IN
SOUTH ARMAGH STEP UP MURDER CAMPAIGN "IT WILL LEAD TO OVER-
REACTION BY THE LAW-ABIDING PEOPLE OF THE AREA." SPOKESMAN
SAID MANY PEOPLE WERE NOW CONSIDERING THEY WOULD BE JUSTIFIED
IN TAKING THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS "IN THE LIGHT OF
WESTMINSTER'S LOSS OF WILL."
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3.   VISIT OF DUBLIN LORD MAYOR AND FIFTY-FIVE COUNCILLORS
AND OFFICIALS TO BELFAST COUNCIL IN HISTORIC FIRST MARCH 28
WAS ALSO OBJECT OF PROTESTANT PROTEST. BELFAST DEMOCRATIC
UNIONIST COUNCILLORS (PAISLEYITE) BOYCOTTED PROCEEDINGS AND
THERE SMALL DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE CITY HALL WITH PLACARDS
BEARING SUCH INSCRIPTIONS AS "EIRE - A HAVEN FOR MURDERERS"

AND "DEFEAT IRA FIRST." DUBLIN CONTIGENT RECEIVED HOSPITALITY
OF EUROPA HOTEL WHICH NEWLY OPENED AFTER MONTHS OF REPAIRS
FOLLOWING 28TH BOMB EXPLOSION.SPICER

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